

CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES
OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA

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Strategic and administrative matters

STRATEGIC VISION

Following discussion of this issue in the Standing Committee, the delegation of Australia and the delegation of Germany on behalf of the Member States of the European Community submitted the following texts for consideration by the Committee.

Submission by Australia

Membership of the Strategic Plan Working Group: one representative of each region and the Chairman (or Vice-Chairman of the Animals and Plants Committees.

Input from NGOs: The Chairman of the Working Group (WG) may invite submissions from NGOs on aspects of the WG's work at key stages in the deliberations.

Terms of reference:

1. Conduct a review to identify outcomes from the work of the SC in relation to each objective in the current Strategic Vision and Action Plan;
2. Identify outcomes from the work of the Secretariat, PC/AC and Parties for each objective in the current Strategic Vision and Action Plan by inviting review from these bodies and from NGOs;
3. Analyse the above reviews and include in that analysis an assessment of whether objectives have been achieved and whether Convention resources had been optimally applied;
4. On the basis of the above analysis, identify and clearly define on-going objectives and possible new objectives for inclusion in the new Strategic Vision and Action Plan, taking into account any recommendations from the Review of Scientific Committees;
5. Develop indicators for successful fulfilment and an indication of the priority of each objective, for inclusion within the new Strategic Vision and Action Plan.

Submission by Germany (on behalf of the European Community)

Proposed additions to the terms of reference:

1. Consider the conclusions of document CoP13 Doc. 14 and other alternative possibilities for financing among other things the Convention and/or the conservation of and sustainable international trade in species of wild fauna and flora; and
2. further consider all recommendations of the Vilm report (CoP13 Doc. 12.1.1 Annex 2) to identify those elements of most significance, for their inclusion in the new Strategic Vision and Action Plan through 2013, in order to contribute to the achievement of the WSSD target of significantly reducing the rate of biodiversity loss by 2010.